

Remarks/Arguments

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 18-26 (see Office Action dated 6/9/05, page 5, paragraph 7). Based upon the Examiner's indication that Claims 18-26 would be allowable if re-written to independent claim form, Applicants have canceled all claims without prejudice and introduced new claims 27-41. No new matter has been introduced by this amendment.

New Claim 27 incorporates the claimed elements of canceled Claim 1 and Claim 18, including all intervening intermediate claims, i.e., canceled Claims 14, 15 and 16. Accordingly, it is submitted that new Claim 27 is in proper condition for allowance. New dependent Claims 28-31 now depend from allowable Claim 27 and, therefore, are also submitted to be allowable.

New Claim 32 incorporates the claimed elements of canceled Claims 10 and allowable canceled Claim 19. Claim 32 is submitted to be allowable as presented. Similarly, dependent Claims 33-35 are believed to be allowable as they depend from allowable Claim 32.

New Claim 36 incorporates the claimed elements of canceled Claim 10 and allowable canceled Claim 21. New Claim 37 incorporates the claimed elements of canceled Claim 10 and allowable canceled Claim 22. New Claim 38 incorporates the claimed elements of canceled Claim 10 and allowable canceled Claim 23. New Claim 39 incorporates the claimed elements of canceled Claim 10 and allowable canceled Claim 24. New Claim 40, which depends from new Claim 37, incorporates the claimed elements of canceled Claim 10 and allowable canceled Claims 22 and 25. New Claim 41 incorporates the claimed elements of canceled Claim 10 and allowable canceled Claim 26. Accordingly, new Claims 36-41, replacing allowable canceled claims 21-26, are submitted to be allowable.

In accordance with the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter, new Claims 27- 41 are submitted to be allowable.

The Examiner's rejection of Claims 1-5, 7-10, 13 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Anderson, Jr., et al. and the Examiner's rejection of Claims 6, 11-12 and 14-16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Anderson Jr., et al. are deemed to be moot as the claims 1-17 are canceled without prejudice.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that Claims 27-41 be allowed and pass to issue.

Response to Advisory Action

In the Advisory Action mailed December 5, 2005, the Examiner did not enter the amendment filed October 11, 2005 because the amendments were not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. In this response, Applicant has canceled all the previously pending claims and, in their place, submitted new claims in strict conformity with 37 C.F.R. 1.121(c) and 1.126.

Applicant submits, therefore, that the foregoing claims properly limit the scope of the claims to that subject matter which has already been deemed allowable over the art cited and of record. Accordingly, allowance of the pending new claims is respectfully solicited.

Conclusion

Applicants are concurrently filing this Amendment and Response to Advisory Action along with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and fee calculation sheet. No additional claims fees are necessitated by the presentation of this Amendment as such fees were already paid with the prior-filed Amendment After Final on August 9, 2005. This application is being filed within the three-month extension period and a request for extension and authorization to charge the undersigned's Deposit Account is included with the Amendment Transmittal. No additional fees are believed necessitated by the presentation of the present amendments, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Rosenbaum & Associates, P.C. deposit account No. 18-2000.

Applicant believes all requirements have been met. Should the Examiner require any further information or wish to discuss any aspect of this response, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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